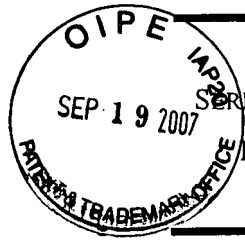


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**Expedited Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 10, 2007 in relation to the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with the filing of this Response, as this Response is filed on or before the due date of August 10, 2007. However, if any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437**, Reference Number: **21465-508 UTIL**.

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.**